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In re Application of :  
Shepherd, et al. :  
Application No.: 10/729,809 : **ON PETITION**  
Filed: December 5, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No: 8029-A-1 :

This is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed April 10, 2008.

The renewed petition is GRANTED.

This application became abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed September 13, 2005. The notice set a shortened statutory period for reply of three-months from its mailing date. Extensions of time were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). A response was not received within the allowable period and the application became abandoned on December 14, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 17, 2006. A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was first filed on February 25, 2008, and dismissed by a decision mailed March 14, 2008.

The amendment filed February 25, 2008 is noted.

The application file is being directed to Technology Center 3600, GAU 3634 for further processing.

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